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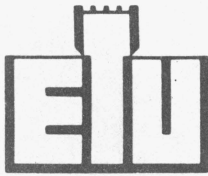
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

AUTHOR TO SPEAK ON MACBETH

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University is hosting a conference, "Encounters with Darkness: Shakespeare's MacBeth in the Classroom," Oct. 10-11.

Conference events open to the public include a keynote address by Michael Shapiro, author of Children of the Revels and many articles on Shakespearean drama, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, in Eastern's Booth Library Lecture Hall. His talk, "'Let Not Light See my Black and Deep Desires'," deals with the contemporary appeal of Shakespeare's Macbeth. A reception for the author will follow.

A faculty member at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Shapiro has taught at Cornell University and at Reading University in England and has been a scholar in residence at Millikin University.

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As co-founder and artistic director of the Revels Players from 1971-1990, Professor Shapiro produced, directed, and acted in such medieval and Renaissance plays as Everyman, Volpone, and The Tempest. He has also served as guest drama critic for WILL Radio in Champaign and is currently writing a book on Shakespeare's heroines in male disguise.

Shapiro and four EIU faculty will also conduct a panel discussion at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 11, in Buzzard Auditorium on "The Origins of Evil in Macbeth," exploring the psychological roots of Macbeth's violent acts.

To accompany these activities, the Tarble Arts Center is presenting an exhibit, "Shakespeare in Art: Contemporary Explorations," through Oct. 13.

The public lecture and panel discussion are being held in conjunction with a conference for high school teachers Oct. 10-11. Conference activities include a book show, film screening, dinner, materials exchange, and seven workshops, which are open only to registered participants.

All activities are sponsored by Eastern's Departments of English and Secondary Education and Foundations, the Illinois Humanities Council, and Regional Superintendents Rose Mary Shepherd, Sam Nall, and George Janet. For further information, call Eastern's Department of Secondary Education and Foundations, (217) 581-5931.